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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Anhare your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:

Dear SC Public Service Commission:

An increase of the magnitude that Duke is requesting is outrageous. My husband and myself are retired and his pensions will never get a cost of living increase. Social Security's increases are minimal and are mostly taken up with Medicare increases. Please do not allow Duke Energy to pillage its customers in this way.

Sincerely, Iona Yanutola RECEIVED

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